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SUBJECT: STUDENT PROTEST IN COLON

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT STUDENTS FROM THE THREE ATLANTIC-SIDE HIGH SCHOOLS, POSSIBLY COMBINED WITH ELEMENTS FROM THE PANAMA CITY NATIONAL INSTITUTE, ARE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GOP TODAY IN COLON. THE STUDENTS HAVE APPARENTLY DAMAGED GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THAT CITY. THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE ONLY BROKEN UP AFTER A SHOW OF FORCE BY RIOT-OUTFITTER NATIONAL GUARD (GN) UNITS.

2. AS OF 1415 LOCAL, STUDENTS WERE STILL MILLING ABOUT COLON WHILE THE GN AND FIREMEN WERE ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN ORDER. THE SITUATION WAS SAID TO BE DETERIORATING.

3. THE LATEST OUTBREAK OF STUDENT VIOLENCE SEEMS TO BE A CONTINUATION OF A PROTEST LAST WEEK AGAINST POOR PHYSICAL PLANT CONDITIONS IN THE CATIVA HIGH SCHOOL, OUTSIDE COLON. AT THAT TIME, THE DEMONSTRATORS DAMAGED FACILITIES IN GUARDIA VEGA HIGH SCHOOL IN COLON. PROPER. ONE RADIO STATION ANNOUNCED THAT THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE SINCE LAST TUESDAY, BUT LAST WEEK'S DISTURBANCES HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED
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